

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed on June 10, 2005, indicated that claims 3-6, 11-14, 18-21, 27, 39-41, 45 and 57 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has elected to accept these allowable claims without prejudice to the patentability of the rejected claims, and defer prosecution of the rejected claims in a continuation application. As such, the claims were amended as follows:

Claim 1 was amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 3, and claim 3 was cancelled. Allowable dependent claims 4 and 6 were amended to depend on claim 1. Allowable dependent claim 5 remains unamended.

Allowable dependent claim 11 was amended into independent form and includes all of the limitations of original claim 1. Allowable dependent claim 12 remains unamended.

Allowable dependent claim 13 was amended into independent form and includes all of the limitations of original claim 1. Allowable dependent claim 14 remains unamended.

Allowable dependent claim 18 was amended into independent form and includes all of the limitations of original claim 1. Allowable dependent claim 19-21 remain unamended.

Claim 22 was amended to include the subject matter of allowable dependent claim 27 and dependent claim 24 on which it depended. Claims 24 and 27 were cancelled. Dependent claim 25 was amended to depend on claim 22.

Allowable dependent claim 39 was amended into independent form and includes all of the limitations of original claim 22. Allowable dependent claims 40 and 41 remain unamended.

Claim 42 was amended to include the subject matter of allowable dependent claim 45 and dependent claim 43 on which it depended. Claims 43 and 45 were cancelled. Dependent claim 44 was amended to depend on claim 42.

Claims 51-53 were cancelled.

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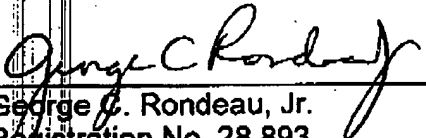
Claim 54 was amended to include the subject matter of allowable dependent claim 57 and dependent claim 55 on which it depended. Claims 55 and 57 were cancelled. Dependent claim 56 was amended to depend on claim 54.

Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fees of \$400, to Deposit Account No. 04-0258. If additional fees are believed necessary, the Commissioner is further authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-0258.

All of the claims remaining in the application are now believed to be allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

If questions remain regarding this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (206) 628-7739.

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